# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instruction in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name Phillips, Harry and Lilly, House	
other names/site number Stonehaven Bed & Brea	akfast, 5ME7381
2. Location	
street & number 798 North Mesa Street	[N/A] not for publication
city or town <u>Fruita</u> ,	[N/A] vicinity
state <u>Colorado</u> code <u>CO</u> county <u>Mesa</u> code	<u>077</u> zip_code <u>81521</u>
3. State/Federal Agency Certification	
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preserv [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedu 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [X] locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)	1
Signature of certifying official/Title	Historic Preservation Officer Ventenber 21, 1997 Date
State Historic Preservation Office, Colorado Histo State or Federal agency and bureau	rical Society
In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the Nat ( See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ].)	tional Register criteria.
Signature of certifying official/Title	Date
State or Federal agency and bureau	
4. National Park Service Certification	
I hereby certify that the property is:	gnature of the Keepper
[] entered in the National Register       2         See continuation sheet [].       1         [] determined eligible for the       -         National Register       -	Joon 14. Beach 11/13/97
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#### Phillips, Harry and Lilly, House Name of Property

# Mesa, Colorado County/State

# 5. Classification

# **Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- [X] private
- [] public-local
- [] public-State
- [] public-Federal

	<pre>(] building(s) ] district</pre>
	] site
Ī	] structure
[	] object

**Category of Property** 

Number of Resources within Property (Do not count previously listed resources.) Contributing Noncontributing				
1	1	buildings		
0	0	site		
0	1	structures		
0	0	objects		
1	2	Total		

## Name of related multiple property listing.

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

# Ornamental Concrete Block Buildings in Colorado, 1900 - 1940

# 6. Function or Use

Historic Function (Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic / Single Dwelling

# 7. Description

# Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

0

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) Domestic / Hotel

# Materials (Enter categories from instructions) foundation Concrete walls Concrete

roof Asphalt other Wood

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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#### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Harry and Lilly Phillips House is located on a slightly raised site on North Mesa Street, one mile north of the commercial center of Fruita in western Mesa County. The house faces south toward Fruita and is surrounded by mature cottonwood trees, hand-crafted playground equipment and a short rockfaced concrete block retaining wall.

The Phillips House is an irregular plan, two-story, ornamental concrete block building with intersecting gable roof with a central hipped portion. A large hipped-roof, wrap-around porch covers the south facade. The entire external wall surface is composed of rockfaced concrete block. The overall size of the house is approximately 52x22 feet. The rear (north) elevation corners are cut diagonally and match the diagonal corners of the front (south) wrap-around porch. Concrete block stairs provide access to the porch at each corner. Two doors with transoms provide access from the porch. The majority of windows are one-over-one double-hung sashes and have long concrete block sills and lintels.

The south facade contains a complicated set of bay-like protrusions that rise through both stories and terminate in gabled ends with diamond-shaped, lead glass windows. The same type of gables are repeated on the north elevation. The east and west gable ends are larger and each contains a peaked pentagonal window in the upper gable. All the gables have returns and the eaves are boxed. The house contains six gables which intersect at a central hipped roof extension. A large brick chimney with corbelling rises through the hipped roof section. Five chimney flues meet and are vented through this single masonry structure.

The Phillips House is virtually unaltered since its construction in 1906-08. In 1943 a wood fire-escape was added to the northeast corner to provide egress from the second-story. The screen enclosure on the wrap-around porch was removed in the 1970s due to its deterioration. The original wood Doric porch columns remain.

The Phillips House retains a high degree of integrity in location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The building is fully capable of conveying its architectural significance an excellent example of ornamental concrete block construction.

The southeast corner of the site contains a wood-sided garage constructed in the 1970s as a replacement for an earlier garage destroyed by fire. South of the garage is the original generator house which was added onto in the 1930s to incorporate a bunkhouse and chicken house. Both buildings were subsequently remodeled into apartments. Due to their alterations and construction materials, neither the garage or generator house is considered to be contributing.

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#### Phillips, Harry and Lilly Name of Property

## 8. Statement of Significance

#### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [] A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- [] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- [x] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- [] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

#### Property is:

- [] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- [] B removed from its original location.
- [] C a birthplace or grave.
- [] D a cemetery.
- [] E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- [] F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance [1 within the past 50 years.

#### **Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

#### 9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

## Previous documentation on file (NPS):

[ ] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

- [] previously listed in the National Register
- [] previously determined eligible by the National Register
- [] designated a National Historic Landmark
- [ ] recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- [ ] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

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Mesa, Colorado County/State

# Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Periods of Significance 1906 - 1908

#### Significant Dates

#### Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above). N/A

# **Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

Architect/Builder Mahany, A.B.

## Primary location of additional data:

[X] State Historic Preservation Office

- [ ] Other State Agency
- [] Federal Agency
- [ ] Local Government
- [] University
- [] Other:

#### Name of repository: Colorado Historical Society

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# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Harry and Lilly Phillips House is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for its architectural significance as an excellent example of ornamental concrete block construction. The building fully meets the registration requirements for an ornamental concrete block residence as set forth in the Multiple Property Document Form, *Ornamental Concrete Block Buildings in Colorado, 1900 to 1940*.

Local builder A.B. Mahany began building the house for the Phillips north of Fruita in 1906. Mahany constructed several ornamental concrete block houses in the Fruita area. The Phillips had recently returned from Alaska where they went to seek their fortune in 1898. The construction took two years, not being ready for occupancy until in 1908.

The house is completely made of rockfaced ornamental concrete block. It is believed that all the blocks were formed on site by A.B. Mahany. As discussed in the Multiple Property Form (MPDF), many home builders in the 1900 - 1940 period purchased concrete block machines and fashioned the 2,000 to 6,000 blocks needed to construct a typical house. Being the builder of several concrete block houses, Mahany likely made a good return on his investment in a block fabricating machine.

The Phillips House shares many of the characteristics typical of concrete block construction, but also incorporates some interesting variations. As with most houses of its type, the Phillips House does not fall squarely within an established architectural style. The building incorporates elements of the Late Victorian period, a time when the excesses of the Queen Anne style were being tempered by a return to more classical references. The irregular plan of the house with its protruding bays and intersecting gables are typical design features of the Queen Anne style. The gable ends lack the shingle applications one might expect in a Queen Anne structure but these are partially replaced by the striking use of diamond and pentagonal windows. The large wrap-around porch with the Doric columns is typical of the classical elements found in the Late Victorian or Edwardian styles.

The Phillips House is unusual in that it does not make use of plain or panel faced blocks in quoins, belt courses, or window surrounds. Perhaps this represents an intentional design decision on the part of the Mahany, or it may stem from his having purchased only the rockfaced face plate for his concrete block machine, leaving him with no other design options. This question will most likely remain unanswered.

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Apart from the pleasing overall composition of the Phillips House, one is struck by the near original condition of the building. Other than the relatively minor loss of the screen windows on the porch and the addition of the rear fire-escape, the house stands nearly as built. Such fully intact examples of ornamental concrete block construction are believed to be rare in Colorado. As such, the Phillips House meets the registration requirements set forth in the MPDF and is considered to be significant at the local level.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY

Heckendorn, Dale. "Ornamental Concrete Block Buildings in Colorado, 1900 to 1940," Multiple Property Document Form. Denver: Colorado Historical Society, 1996.

Kadrmas, Amy V. "The Phillips House," The Historian, September, 1994, p. 3.

McClintock, Merle M. "Harry Phillips Wanted to Join the Circus, Instead Broke Broncs, Roped Cattle," facsimile of the *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel*, February 6, 1938, reprinted in *The Historian*, June-July, 1995, p. 13.

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

#### Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning 40 feet East of the Northwest corner of the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 2 West of the Ute Meridian, thence south 140 feet, thence East 150 feet, thence north 140 feet, thence west 150 feet to the point of beginning.

#### **Boundary Justification**

The nominated property includes the concrete block house and the associated concrete block wall surrounding the house on the west and south. The property to the south and east has been excluded as it contains altered and noncontributing buildings.

Phillips, Harry and Lilly, House Name of Property	<u>Mesa, C</u> County/S				
10. Geographical Data					
Acreage of Property Less than one acre					
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.	)				
1. 12 695860 4338150 Zone Easting Northing	3. Zone E	asting Northing			
2. Zone Easting Northing	4. Zone E []See conti	asting Northing inuation sheet			
Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)					
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)					
11. Form Prepared By					
name/title_Amy_V. Kadrmas					
organization owner of house		date_ <u>February 22, 1996</u>			
street & number 798 North Mesa Street		telephone <u>(970)858-0898</u>			
city or town Fruita	state_CO	zip code 81521			
Additional Documentation Submit the following items with the completed form: Continuation Sheets					
Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location. A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.					
Photographs Representative black and white photographs of the property.					
Additional Items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)					
<b>Property Owner</b> (Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)					
name <u>Amy V. Kadrmas</u>					
street & number 798 North Mesa Street		telephone <u>(970)858-0898</u>			
city or town <u>Fruita</u>	state <u>CO</u>	zip code <u>81521</u>			

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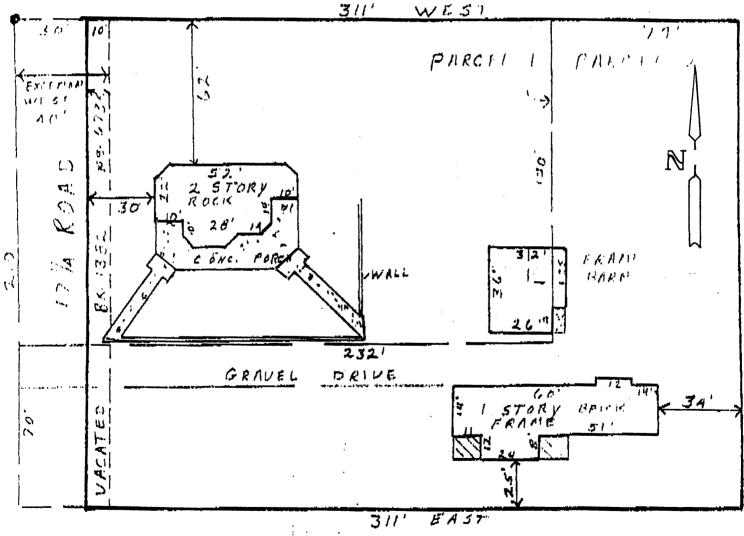
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# SKETCH MAP

Phillips House



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EAST" 311'

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